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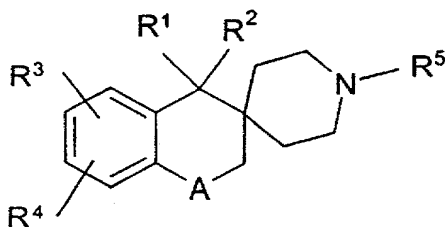
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(57) Abstract: A tricyclic compound of Formula (I): wherein: R¹ is hydrogen or hydroxy; R² is hydrogen or hydroxy; or R¹ and R² together are oxygen; A is a bond, CH₂, CH CH₃, CH₂ CH₂ or C(CH₃)₂; R³ and R⁴ are the same or different and are hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₄ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, NO₂, COR⁶, COOR⁶ or NR⁶R⁷, wherein R⁶ and R⁷ are the same or different and are hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl or benzyl; R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, (O=C)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, (O=C)-C₂₋₆ alkenyl, (O=C)-C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and cycloalkyl groups can be substituted by 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from halo, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, phenyl or substituted phenyl, and salts thereof, are particularly useful for treating, among other indications, neuropathic pain and other CNS disorders.